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**FORMER MILITARY POLICE OFFICER AT FORT BLISS
SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 25-year-old former military police officer Arkon Christopher Caldwell was sentenced to 96 months in federal prison for receipt and possession of child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Frank Montalvo ordered that Caldwell be placed under supervised release for a period of 15 years after completing his prison term. Judge Montalvo also ordered that Caldwell be placed into federal custody after the hearing to begin his prison sentence.

In March, a federal jury found that beginning in February 2005 and continuing through November 2005, the defendant received and possessed hundreds of images of children involved in sexually explicit conduct. Authorities seized the defendant's computer while executing a search warrant at his base residence on November 7, 2005. The followup forensic examination revealed the presence of 17 videos—all of which contained child pornography. Under the guidelines, each video equals 75 images of child pornography. Caldwell was sentenced as though he possessed 1,275 images.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Defense - U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. This case was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys William Lewis and Laura Franco Gregory.

This case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

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